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### Iraqi Border Patrol stops smugglers

TALL AFAR, Iraq – Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement officers and Coalition forces interdicted a small group of smugglers and a large mule train crossing the Syrian border northwest of here August 19, according to a multinational forces report.

Border patrol officers and elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment discovered five or six males leading over 200 mules carrying fuel pods into Iraq. The smugglers were able to escape back into Syria with some of the mules. Coalition forces captured 145 of the mules and their fuel loads.

No injuries or damages were reported.

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